Lady ticket checkers in Railways

3465. SHRI PRAMOD MAHAJAN: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) what is the total number of Lady Ticket Checkers in the Railways in the country and in Bombay separately;

(b) whether Government propose to appoint more Lady Ticket Checkers; and

(c) if so, what are the details thereof and if not, what are the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI MADHAVRAO SCINDIA): (a) There is no category of railway staff known as Lady Ticket Checkers Presumably the reference is to the women Railway servants who are working as Ticket Collectors. Information in this regard is being collected and will be laid on the Table of the Sabha.

(b) and (c) No separate recruitment is made for lady ticket collectors. For recruitment of Ticket Collectors, both men and women candidates with prescribed age and qualifications, are equally eligible.

Rating of Air India

3466 SHRI SUBAS MOHANTY: Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government's attention has been drawn to the rating of Air India as one of the worst air lines in the world,

(b) if so, the details thereof, and

(c) the steps taken to improve the matter?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF CIVIL AVIATION AND THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF TOURISM (SHRI JAGDISH TYTLER): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) and (c) The information is being collected and will be laid on the Table of the Sabha.

Reservation of accommodation in hostels for widows

3467 SHRIMATI KRISHNA KAUL: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state·

(a) whether there is any proposal under Government's consideration to reserve accommodation in working womens' Hostels for widows in different parts of the country: and

(b) if so, what are the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT AND THE MINISTER OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRI P. C. NARASIMHA RAO)· (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) Details are being finalised.

Cadre review committee on promotion in Central Health Services

3468 SHRI PARVATHANENI UPENDRA: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that representatives of different sub-cadre of the Central Health Services have not been allowed to represent their view points before the Cadre Review Committee, which is considering the promotion prospects of the service at present;

(b) if so, whether the Committee will ensure that a satisfactory career assessment will be done: and

(c) whether the Committee are considering restructuring of the highly qualified professionals i.e. the Central Health Services doctors a comparable cadre structure for all the sub-cadre with the best of group 'A' Service?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (KUMARI SAROJ KHAPARDE): (a) and (b) Representatives of the various Associations of doctors have been invited by the Interdepartmental

Committee to present their suggestions/ view points before the Committee on the 14th December, 1987 and 15th December, 1987.

(c) The Committee has been set up to look into the career prospects of the Central Health Service, Railway Medical Service and Medical Officers under Central Police Organisations and make suitable recommendations in regard to bettering their career prospects.

Implementation of package of benefits to the Doctors

3469. SHRI PARVATHANENI UPENDRA: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government had approved a package of benefits for the Central Government Doctors on 30th July, 1987 for immediate implementation;

(b) if so, whether it has been implemented in full;

(c) if not, what are the reasons for the delay.

(d) what further time Government would need to fully implement these benefits; and

(e) whether Government propose to give retrospective effect, specially in cases of promotions which have been delayed due to no fault of the service doctors and many doctors have retired without getting these committed benefits?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (KUMARI SAROJ KHAPARDE): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) to (d) It is difficult to indicate the time limit for fully implementing the package benefits. The action taken to implement the provisions of package offered to the striking doctors is indicated below:—

(i) Orders relating to Non-Practising Allowance and Conveyance Allowance have been issued.

(ii) Action to issue orders relating to Annual Allowance is being pursued and orders are expected to be issued soon.

(iii) Promotion orders of Medical Officers who have completed 5 years of service have already been issued

(iv) Inter-departmental Committee has been set up to look into the cadre structure of Central Health Service, Railway Medical Service and medical posts under Central Police Organisations. The Committee has already commenced its work.

(v) Posts of Senior Medical Officers to be upgraded as Chief Medical Officers have been identified. Action to seek relaxation of the existing provisions of Central Health Service Rules, 1982, in order to promote Senior Medical Officers to the grade of Chief Medical Officer is already at advanced stage.

(vi) 16 Assistant Professors with 3 years of service as Assistant Professor have already been promoted as Associate Professors Remaining Assistant Professors who have completed 3 years' of service will be promoted after the existing provision of the ratio of 1:1 between Assistant Professors and Associate Professors is relaxed. Action in this direction is already at advance stage.

(vii) 35 posts in Superiime Grade have been created (25 as a result of package benefits and 10 as a result of recommendations of the Fourth Central Pay Commission).

(viii) Action has already been initiated for placement of specialists (Rs. 3000-5000) in the newly introduced scale of Rs. 3700-5000 after 5 years of service and in the scale of Rs 4500-5700 after 9 years of service in Specialist Grade-II. This involves amendment of the existing provisions of Central Health Services Rules, 1982 Action in this regard is already at the advance stage.